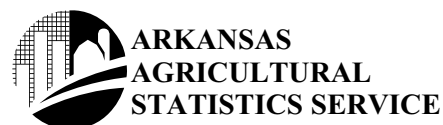


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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

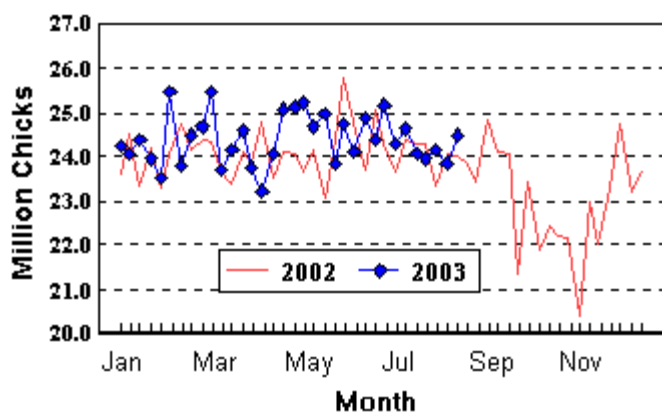
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 24.5 million during the week ending August 23, 2003. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2002, and up 3 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through August 23, 2003 were 829.5 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 25.4 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down fractionally from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.6 percent.

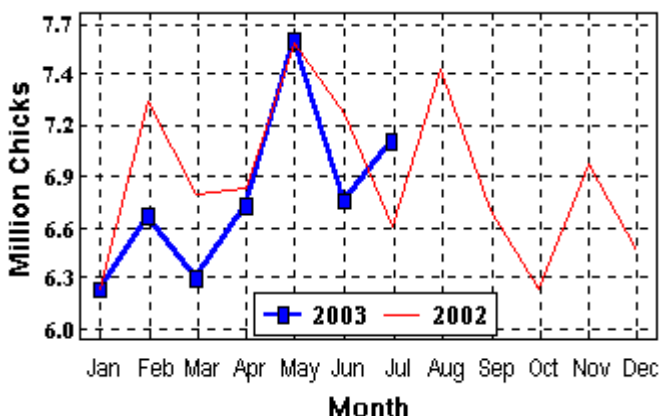
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 23, 2003, up 3 percent from the same period last year, and up 1 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 7.1 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2003, up 7 percent from July 2002.

**ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS
BY WEEK, 2002 - 2003**



**U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2002	2003	
	1,000		
Jul. 19	24,387	24,630	101
Jul. 26	24,316	24,079	99
Aug. 2	24,298	23,944	99
Aug. 9	23,352	24,152	103
Aug. 16	24,059	23,866	99
Aug. 23	23,997	24,485	102

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2002	2003	
	1,000		
Feb.	7,275	6,659	92
Mar.	6,775	6,329	93
Apr.	6,814	6,720	99
May	7,597	7,612	100
Jun.	7,206	6,748	94
Jul.	6,602	7,071	107

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	02-Aug	09-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug		19-Jul	26-Jul	02-Aug	09-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug	
Alabama	29,292 *	29,273	29,323	29,056	101	21,614	21,796	21,554	21,919	21,844	22,084	100
ARKANSAS	30,749	30,785	30,529	30,884	103	24,630	24,079	23,944	24,152	23,866 *	24,485	102
Delaware	3,876	3,877	3,948	4,057	118	5,417	5,346	5,144	4,726	4,744	4,733	98
Florida	1,346	1,353	1,354	1,354	60	1,601	1,894	1,587 *	1,616 *	1,654 *	1,727	81
Georgia	32,316	32,707	32,118 *	32,277	102	25,196	25,391	25,548	26,285	26,217 *	25,204	99
Kentucky	6,720	6,831	6,736	6,736	98	5,122	5,179	5,733	5,863	6,107 *	5,998	100
Maryland	9,492	9,402	9,249	9,274	94	5,169	5,541	5,985	6,568	6,584	6,539	104
Mississippi	19,066	19,194	19,187	18,882	101	16,121	15,904	16,534	16,433	16,292	16,415	103
N. Carolina	17,637 *	17,295	17,481	17,570	97	13,487	14,060	13,084	14,000	14,072	14,217	94
Oklahoma	6,161	6,490	5,979 *	6,061	91	3,952	4,537	4,501	5,235	5,401	4,325	91
Pennsylvania	3,836 *	3,738 *	3,646	3,807	101	2,544	2,770 *	2,822 *	2,919 *	2,850	2,733	99
S. Carolina	4,542	4,393	4,535	4,375	86	4,355	4,014	4,460	3,608	4,145	4,213	111
Texas	14,460	14,482	14,413	14,479	107	11,542	12,275	12,131	12,309	12,221	11,960	102
Virginia	6,489	6,472	6,432	6,411	103	5,298	5,369	5,138	5,146	5,108	5,190	96
CAL,LA,MO,IN,WV	20,480	20,316	20,350 *	20,754	104	18,820	18,818	18,812	18,853	17,977 *	18,613	100
Total 2003	206,462 *	206,608 *	205,280 *	205,977		164,868	166,973 *	166,977 *	169,632 *	169,082 *	168,436	
Total 2002	209,004	205,483	206,097	204,776		166,514	167,733	169,884	168,467	168,271	168,773	
%Prev. Year	99	101	100	101		99	100	98	101	100	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						06-Sep	13-Sep	20-Sep	27-Sep	04-Oct	11-Oct	

* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 206 million eggs during the week ending August 23, 2003. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 23, 2003. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through August 23, 2003 were 5.72 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.